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Let's see! Didn't Sir John have 71 of a majority after the election of 1882?

That natty little rooster "bubbed up serenely," all the same. And you'll see him again before a great while.

PROCEEDINGS, having for their object the unseating of Mr Porter in West Huron, have been instituted by Messrs Garrow & Proudfoot.

Mr J. H. SCOTT, of Kincardine, who contested West Bruce with Hon. Edward Blake, raised his deposit by 7 votes, Blake's majority being 1034.

The Grits did not get a city candidate elected anywhere throughout the country with the exception of Quebec where Laurier, the rebel, was elected by a handsome majority.

Please add Halifax and St. John to Quebec, and tell the truth next time.

The Tory News, of Kingston, after the election, admitted that in that city "the battle was fought and won." In the matter of West Huron, "the battle was fought and won in Clinton."

There isn't one newspaper in Canada today that sides with the Government that is not pap-fed. Hence the loyalty of the organs to the cause. Even our own goody-goody Star would have gone to the wall had it not been for the fostering care of the Government.

The statement is made that whereas Conservatives nominated Irish Catholics where they could be elected, and were elected, the Grits nominated them where they could not be elected.

We suppose that is the reason why nine Catholic Reformers were elected recently to the Ontario Legislature, and only one Tory Catholic.

The shadow of the "hired man's" hand was plainly discernible in the columns of our contemporary, the Star, last week. When "real work" has to be put in the cat's paw editor has to take a seat in the far a-way corner, and allow the brainy "hired man" to do the work. We don't mean "Clericus"; we mean the other class.

It is understood Hon. Geo. Kirkpatrick, late speaker of the House of Commons, will succeed Sir Charles Tupper, in the position of High Commissioner, and it is further understood that his holding of the position will only be until such time as Sir John Macdonald shall direct himself of the terms of the decision which the High Commissioner grants.

The London Free Press is shouting itself hoarse over the fact that Tories have captured some of the preserves that Sir John made Tory by act of parliament in 1882, such as, East Bruce, North Bay, East Lambton, West Middlesex, South Norfolk, South Ontario, South Westworth, and West Huron. The Free Press has mighty little to gloat over. It took two acts of parliament (the German and the Franchise act) and a gilded voters' list to make each of the above constituencies go Tory. And the result of the thing is, they won't stay Tory.

Even the Tory Star was constrained to approve the action of the Tory party in its "jubilee" over the defeat of Mr Cameron. For our part we can contemplate the exhibition of blackguardism by the Tories on the evening of Feb. 2nd with equanimity, for it shows that they appreciate having been successful once in thirty years. But what does the "great victory" amount to, after all? In 1882 Sir John Macdonald "dressed" the Grits in South Huron, and made, as he thought, East and West Huron Tory by the gerrymander act, and West by 117 on the figures of the previous election. M. C. Cameron relinquished his claim upon South Huron, and faced the contest in the gerrymandered West, where, notwithstanding the odds against him, he succeeded in carrying the Riding 29 of a majority. In the present election the Tories have succeeded by debauching the town of Clinton to the extent of 80 votes, in carrying the gerrymandered riding by 27 of a majority. And for this they are shaking hands with themselves and raising jubilation. Verily a little pleaseth some people much.

AFTER THE CONTEST.

Now that the smoke of battle has begun to clear, we are in a position to get an idea of the result of the late elections. There are many empty saddles on both sides, and a number of members in the last House have failed to score majorities on the present occasion. Perhaps the greatest loss to the Liberal party has been sustained in our own constituency in the defeat of Mr M. C. Cameron by the trifling majority of 27. None were greater surprised at Mr Cameron's defeat than his opponents, for up to election day, in betting circles odds were always asked and given in his favor. But while we regret the defeat of Mr Cameron, we feel assured the reverse to Liberalism in the Riding is only temporary, and that ere long the old member will regain the position and again occupy the old seat.

Over the Dominion a not discouraging view meets the eye. 204 members have thus far been elected, and of these the Globe and L'Etendard, the organ of the Nationalists, claim that the Government has obtained 102, the Opposition 101, and that 1 Independent has been elected. The Tory press claim Governmental majorities ranging from 35 to 12, and, as when doctors differ, all may be wrong, we prefer, under the circumstances, to take the figures of the Globe and L'Etendard. And for the reason that in the recent Quebec elections we noticed that figures bulletined by these journals held good when the Legislature met, notwithstanding that exception was taken to them for two months by the entire Tory press. We also remember that when the Globe published the result of the Manitoba elections, and claimed that the Norquay administration was sustained by five of a majority, the Tory press first disputed the classification, and then were compelled to accept it.

For these reasons we hold to the figures of the Globe, and nothing short of an adverse decision in a division in the House will cause us to change our belief.

There are yet 11 elections to be held, and present indications point to an unworkable majority on the part of the Administration. In the language of the Mail, "The life of the Government hangs upon a thread."

We find no fault that arrangements are on foot to have a jubilee rejoicing throughout British possessions on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the coronation of Queen Victoria, which takes place in June, but we can't for the life of us understand what Canada has done to Her Majesty that a threat comes across the Atlantic that we are to be inflicted with another plague of Canadian knights. Yet we are informed that twenty-five new "Sirs" are to be pitched into the Canadian social circle, so that the Dominion will have something to remember the jubilee year of good Queen Victoria by. There are many ways of punishing a crown colony, but the infliction of twenty-five new knights upon a country like Canada is to our mind like the taking of a mean advantage indeed. We are weak, and our population isn't numerous, our national debt is large, and our annual expenditure yearly increasing, the price of wheat is low, and eggs are not a good average, the potato bug and weevil have not yet left for parts unknown, but the Dominion is young and sturdy, and might possible gather itself and wiggle through, were it not for this new pestilence of titled nobodies which spreads the dark shadow of its wing over the destiny of our common country. Canada doesn't want any more knights. The glist we have already received have been no credit to the Dominion. This is a straight out democratic country, and plain "Mr." is good enough for any of our people.

The Peterboro' Review, edited by Carnegie, the defeated Model Farm critic, claims that a huge Grit corruption fund was in existence during the recent election and that it was obtained from the United States! Oh, my! And in proof of that fact it states that many of the deposits of Reform members were actually paid in "United States gold." Goodness, gracious! And the sapient Review, although edited by an ex-M.P.P., wasn't aware that the deposit had to be made in Dominion notes, and that "United States gold" would not be taken in lieu thereof. The London Free Press, to pad out an editorial article, also endorses the Peterboro' Review's fiction about "United States gold."

FOR REVENUE PURPOSES ONLY.

The vain efforts of Messrs. Edmund Campion, of Goderich, and Patrick Kelly, of Blyth, to sell the Catholic vote of West Huron and deliver the goods, has made these two wretched the laughing stock of the riding. The day has gone by when one or two impudent place-hunters, looking for boodle, could palm themselves off upon their fellow-countrymen as patriots, and prevail upon them to vote at the will of the political bell-wether. We have before us a circular signed by the former of these, addressed to the Roman Catholics of West Huron, and it is sufficient to say that it reflects credit neither to his heart nor his intellect, to the creed which he professes to be so devoted an adherent of, nor to the instincts that prompted him to bring so prominently before the public the name of the rev. gentleman whom he takes from the seclusion of his private dwelling place and attempts to drag into the front of a political contest. But it has been ever thus. The cause of Ireland has always been cursed by the presence of self-seekers of the Campion-Kelly stripe, who are Irishmen for "revenue purposes only," and who endeavor to show that it is a good trade to be a professional Irishman. Fortunately these two wretched have by this time discovered that few of the Irish-Catholic voters in West Huron know less than they do themselves, and if they have not so learned we will give them a few figures to digest. The Irish Catholics in West Huron are principally to be found in Ashfield, the Wawanoshes, and in Goderich town; in Goderich township, Colborne and Clinton they do not enter to any extent into the voting population. Kelly and Campion, it is supposed, did missionary work in the municipalities where the Irish Catholic element obtained, and what was the result? In 1882 Ashfield gave Cameron 65; on the 22nd Feb., Ashfield increased that majority to 97—an increase of 32. In 1882 the Wawanoshes gave Cameron 87; at the recent election they rolled up 118—an increase of 31. Goderich in 1882 gave Cameron a majority of 24; on the 22nd it gave him a majority of 24—an increase of 23. If the labors of Campion and Kelly were worth anything, how do they account for these increases in the municipalities in which it was believed their influence would be felt. Campion and Kelly had no influence in Clinton, where a change of 80 in favor of Porter was effected, nor in Goderich township, where an increase of 27 was given for Porter; nor in Colborne where a decrease of 26 was made in Cameron's previous majority. We have given these figures and made these remarks to show that the efforts of place-hunters like Campion and Kelly and their "pilot" are estimated at their full value by the intelligent Irish Catholics of West Huron. The people all know that Campion, Kelly, and the "pilot" are after the bag of beans.

The Tory papers are having a good time endeavoring to constitute a Ministerial majority. The Montreal Gazette, Hon. Thomas White's organ, still claims that Farrow has been re-elected in East Huron, that Dr. Orton has been re-elected in Centre Wellington, that Mulock, of North York, is a Tory, and other equally absurd contentions; the Ottawa Citizen goes further, and says that Jas. Trow, of South Perth, the Liberal whip, is a Tory; the Hamilton Spectator also makes peculiar claims, and amongst them that Landry, of Montserrat, is amongst the elect; and the London Free Press—well, we've got tired of trying to keep up with the claims of the Free Press, for it wants the entire House of Parliament and the fulness thereof. Suffice to say, that notwithstanding all these contentions the Liberals are within easy reach of the capture of the Cabinet seats, and are in a better position to storm the citadel today than they were when a purchased majority of 70 barred the Rascals out!" must now be the Reform rallying cry.

The HURON SIGNAL's false prophets let themselves down as easy as possible in their last issue by crying "protest," "recant," "scrutiny," etc. Better snip the crow like men!—London Free Press.

The scrutiny takes place to-day before Judge Toms. The Free Press may have to eat crow before it is over.

Dr Sloan, the veteran Blyth Reformer, dropped in to see THE SIGNAL Wednesday last. He was of opinion that Pat Kelly had defeated Cameron in West Huron until we proved an alibi so far as Mr Kelly was concerned. Kelly has a lot of political sins to answer for, but he's innocent of the charge of influencing the vote in West Huron.

WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

A Scrutiny on Deck—A Sympathiser with Farrow—A Political Retrospect—Will History Repeat Itself?

I'm told there's a scrutiny on deck in West Huron, and behind that there's a protest and an unseating and disqualification unless the "outside member" for West Huron comes down from his perch. But, nabob! I'll let you know more about this by-and-by.

The most disgusted man in East Huron on election day, not excepting the ex-member, was my old and esteemed friend, Patrick Kelly. My Milesian friend, had, I understand, been helping Ed. Campion to revoke Irish Catholic sentiment in Ashfield and Wawanosh, without avail, and allowed his corner of the vineyard over in East Huron to go by default. As a result he believes his attorney to his friend—and I was going to say, partner—Thomas Farrow. For the benefit of Mr Kelly, I beg leave to tell him to wipe away his tears of regret, for his absence from East Huron was not the cause of Mr Farrow's defeat. The real reason for Farrow's defeat lies in the fact that the people of East Huron have had their eyes opened to the fact that he was a politician "for revenue purposes only," and legislated not so much in the interest of the country as for the benefit of Thomas Farrow and family. Under these circumstances the doubtless reverend of Blyth couldn't have saved him from defeat. Saltpetre couldn't have saved him.

And now, a word or two on the political outlook throughout the Dominion. They say that every now and then history repeats itself. I believe we're on the eve of a repetition of history, and I'll tell you why. If you will allow your mind to go back to the elections of 1872, you will remember that Sir John was sustained by a majority of over 40 members. When the House met the following winter, the disclosures of the charter selling deal between Sir John and Sir Hugh Allan were made by the then member-for Shefford, Lucius Seth Huntington. The discovery of the compact between the two knights caused a sensation throughout the country, and on the floors of parliament, members began to abate in their allegiance. Sir John saw that doom was impending, and under pretext of giving scope for enquiry, adjourned the session to the fall of 1873. The real reason for adjournment was to give him a chance to cover up his tracks. In the fall, when the House met, so far from strengthening his position the Premier found that it had been materially weakened. Death had in the interval claimed Sir John's trusty lieutenant and colleague, Sir George Cartier, from whom there was none could give counsel more sage in a dire crisis; and looking around him he saw no one to aid him to stem the tide of opposition that had so rapidly arisen, and was now at its flood. Of the 40 majority, no remnant was left, for men seldom stand by a tottering cause. During the first week of November, as the accusers became aggressive, and his supporters weakened, the Charter-seller became sick at heart, and when on the night of the 5th of that month, Mr Blake rose in his place, and decreed the doom of the derelict Government, the last spark of hope died in Sir John's heart. A hurried consultation was held with his colleagues, and the Pacific Scandal Administration gave up the ghost. I have given you history on this point, for I want to show you the resemblance between then and now. Then there were 40 of a majority that dwindled to a minority; now the Tories claimed 40 of a majority which has already dwindled to very near zero—if not quite. Then a member of the Government—Hon. Leonard Tilley—left the Cabinet to seek a harbor of refuge in the Lieut.-Governorship of New Brunswick; now another Minister—Sir Alexander Campbell—forsakes his colleagues in distress to find a safe retreat in the Lieut.-Governorship of Ontario. Then the better judgment of the newly elected Conservative members revolted against sustaining a Government which was proved to be "steeped to the lips in corruption" and festering with political putridity; and as it was then, so it will be now. In the successful candidates of the recent election there are good men and true on the Conservative side who,

hitherto standing afar off, have looked upon Sir John as a statesman of integrity as well as of ability; a nearer view on the floor of parliament will dispel the illusion, and exhibit the political charlatan rather than the statesman. Knowledge under these circumstances soon leads to conviction, and conviction to a profession of the new and better political faith. That was what took place in 1873. Will history repeat itself in 1887? AJAX.

THE "STAR" IN THE PILLORY.

The Star, in its last issue, has the following reference to THE SIGNAL's attitude toward Mr Porter during the recent political campaign: "His treatment by Mr Cameron's organ, THE SIGNAL, was, of course, no exception to that accorded by that journal to all who dare to disagree, even on matters other than political, with its conductors. We risk nothing in saying that the result was to Mr Porter a benefit rather than an injury. This is taken as a matter of course nowadays by those of the public who know that sheet."

For the information of THE SIGNAL we might state that in not one case during the whole campaign was Mr Porter personally attacked. We defy THE SIGNAL to cite a solitary instance, and the failure of that sheet to back up its contention will be the best proof that the "pious editor" has, as usual, lied.

It will soon be time for Mr. Porter to move in the matter of bringing in the C. P. R. to Goderich. We are willing to wait until the ice lifts before we ask him to attend to the dredging at the mouth of the harbor, but he must hustle in the matter of the railroad, so that the work be inaugurated before he removes from Simcoe to Clinton. After that date he may not feel inclined to throw his earnest efforts in favor of Goderich as against the self-elected "Hub of the Universe."

If a "High Commissioner" to England is one of these positions that Canada cannot do without THE SIGNAL would like to know who is doing the work and drawing the salary for the billet now. We have no knowledge of the appointment of a successor to occupy the \$42,000 mansion in London, England, lately vacated by our Canadian Pooh-bah, and it is not possible that our relations with the Old Land might get into a tangle in the absence of an able-bodied Canadian representative. It looks to us as if Sir Charles Tupper by his last move has demonstrated the absurdity of further maintaining the "High Commissioner" to England.

West Huron.

The following are the official figures for West Huron:

Polling Division.	Cameron.	Farrow.	Cameron's majority.	Farrow's majority.
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"	4 80 66	14	66	14
"	5 104 36	68	36	68
"	6 127 30	97	30	97
Colborne	7 84 49	35	49	35
"	8 27 58	31	27	58
"	9 83 83	—	83	83
"	10 50 57	—	50	57
Clinton	11 78 58	29	20	78
"	12 70 91	21	70	91
"	13 62 69	7	62	69
"	14 48 92	44	48	92
Goderich t'p	15 43 92	49	43	92
"	16 39 80	41	39	80
"	17 32 77	45	32	77
"	18 40 92	52	40	92
"	19 50 79	29	50	79
Goderich	20 55 43	12	55	43
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"	23 59 38	21	59	38
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"	25 56 55	1	56	55
"	26 34 45	11	34	45
Wan'gh W.	27 55 95	48	55	95
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